

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 26, 2004
MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Members Present –Telephonic

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I. Call to Order

Chairperson Gerratt called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

II. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

III. Continuing Professional Development Course Review

Consider Appeal of the Denial for Continuing Professional Development Course Credit: "Negotiating For Success, Strategies for Positive Patient Encounters" offered by Kaiser Permanente.

Mr. Gerratt introduced the discussion item and commented that the course information contained in the meeting packets was lacking substance in terms of clearly stating the course objectives and the information presented.

Ms. Grimes inquired whether attempts were made to gather additional information.

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated that she attempted to contact the licensee to notify the licensee that the course was being considered by the Committee, and that the licensee should supply the Board with as much information as possible so that the Committee could

make an informed decision. She also stated that attempts were made by staff to contact the course provider in an effort to seek additional course documentation. She stated that neither party submitted further information beyond that which is available in the Board packets.

Ms. Grimes stated that the course objectives defined in the handouts specifically refer to learning outcomes for the targeted population, which is stated as being Kaiser physicians. She further commented that the learning objectives do not have a speech-language pathology practice component.

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated that when the course was transferred to her for consideration, she spoke with the licensee to express her concerns with the limited materials and the fact that the course did not appear to address services that would be provided by a licensed speech-language pathologist. Ms. Del Mugnaio stated that she was seeking more detail prior to issuing a decision.

Mr. Gerratt agreed that the course does not directly relate to patient care for speech-language pathologists. He questioned whether the course might meet the continuing professional development guidelines as an indirect client care course offering.

Ms. Del Mugnaio explained that in California Code of Regulations Section 1399.160.4(c)(2) it does reference "consultation" as indirect client care issues applicable to license renewal requirements. However, she stated that, since the information available is limited, it is difficult to discern whether the course "Negotiating For Success, Strategies for Positive Patient Encounters" offered information pertaining to patient consultation.

Ms. Raggio stated that the licensee made it clear in her letter of appeal that the course was designed for physicians and was not developed for allied health professionals.

The Committee unanimously agreed to uphold the previous denial of the course.

M/S/C Grimes/Raggio

The Committee voted to uphold the denial of the course entitled "Negotiating For Success, Strategies for Positive Patient Encounters."

IV. Establish a Continuing Professional Development Task Force of Volunteer Subject Matter Experts. The Task Force would advise the Board on the Requirements for Continuing Professional Development Course Content and Recommend a Position Regarding the Relevance of Specific Course Offerings.

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated the Board is still in the process of soliciting interest from the professional community for licensees to serve as volunteer subject matter experts for the continuing professional development program. She explained that volunteers would serve on task force groups and would be charged with formulating recommendations to the Board on appropriate modifications to existing continuing professional development regulations and processes, as well as review individual course offerings to determine practice relevance. She stated that, at the January 2005 meeting, we would be inviting

interested parties to the Continuing Professional Development Committee meeting to provide an orientation to the process.

Ms. Del Mugnaio further stated that, at the January 2005 Board meeting, the Board would be reviewing the proposed continuing professional development regulations regarding the new course approval process. She indicated that the regulations would likely be submitted as an emergency filing because the law takes effect on January 1, 2005.

Ms. Raggio inquired whether we might be excluding qualified professionals by retaining the criterion noted in the position announcement that requires professionals to have experience in developing or presenting professional development activities.

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated that she is not aware that the requirement is excluding interested professionals. She also stated that this might be an issue to address at a later date, as the announcement with the selection criteria was sent to all licensing professionals in the state.

Mr. Gerratt inquired about the selection process for appointing volunteer subject matter experts.

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated that, in earlier meetings, she was delegated the task of selecting the most qualified applicants. However, she stated that the vitae she has reviewed thus far represent practitioners with similar backgrounds. She indicated that she would be more comfortable with Committee members making the selection decisions.

Mr. Ritter stated that another option, which is permitted under the Open Meeting Act, is to have a two-person Committee, one member from each profession, to review the applications and recommend selected professionals to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Gerratt appointed himself and Ms. Grimes to serve as the selection members for reviewing applicants interested in serving as volunteer subject matter experts for the continuing professional development program.

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated that she would forward the vitae of the interested parties to Mr. Gerratt and Ms. Grimes prior to the January 14-15, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Ritter stated that an announcement should be made at the January Board meeting notifying the public of the selected professionals.

There being no further discussion Mr. Gerratt adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer